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THE WEEK OF PRAYER, 1865.

CHRISTIANS in all parts of the world are again invited to united prayer during the first week of the coming year. We hail with joy the measure of unity expressed by these seasons, and hope that many in Canada will avail themselves of the opportunity. The experience of the past proves that this concert of world-wide supplication has been greatly blessed in reviving the people of God, and not unfrequently has been the first step in awakening to attention and inquiry the unconverted. We notice from the *Montreal Witness* that a gracious work, of considerable extent, in Indian Lands, Glengarry, is traced in its beginning to the observance of this call to prayer in 1864. In localities where it is intended to hold meetings, arrangements should be made as early as possible. The following is the circular invitation of the Secretaries of the Evangelical Alliance:

PROPOSED WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
JANUARY 1ST TO 8TH, 1865.

The time has again arrived to invite Christians of all countries to make arrangements for observing a week of special and united prayer at the beginning of the coming year.

Few movements of the Church of Christ have been more owned and honoured of the Lord than these annual seasons of united supplications. The Evangelical Alliance, therefore, feel imperatively urged to renew their invitation in the hope of meeting a yet larger response than in former years, and of obtaining still more abundant spiritual and temporal blessings.

The calls for prayer are loud and urgent; the claims of a perishing world increasing, as they must, with the readiness everywhere apparent to receive the truth; the assaults made against the common faith by a revived Romanism, and by modern forms of infidelity; the war spirit excited among nations professedly Christian; these and other considerations urge on true believers, while persevering in zealous, active effort, to draw near to the Throne of Grace, and by united, continuous, and faithful prayer, to "prove God" according to His own Word—"If I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi iii. 10, "I will that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting."—1 Tim. ii. 8.

The following topics, amongst others, are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting:—

Sunday, Jan. 1.—Sermons on the agency of the Holy Spirit in the present dispensation.